

# Minnesota



## TRUCKING FAST FACTS



### TRUCKING DRIVES THE ECONOMY



#### CAREERS

**143,180** Trucking industry jobs in Minnesota

**1 in 18** jobs in the state



#### SMALL BUSINESS EMPHASIS

**65,500** Trucking companies located in Minnesota

Primarily small, locally owned businesses, these companies are served by a wide range of supporting businesses.



#### COMPETITIVE WAGES

Total trucking industry wages paid in Minnesota in 2023 exceeded **\$9.2 billion**, with an average annual trucking industry salary of **\$64,316**.

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers held **39,390** jobs in Minnesota in 2023. The national average annual salary of an over-the-road truck driver is **\$75,144**.



#### TRANSPORTING THE ESSENTIALS

**96.5%** of manufactured tonnage transported by trucks in Minnesota.  
**208,200 tons per day**

**67.6%** of communities in the state depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods.

### SAFETY MATTERS



#### SAFETY FIRST

Minnesota Trucking Association members put safety first through:

- ✓ Improved driver training
- ✓ Investment in advanced safety technologies
- ✓ Active participation in industry safety initiatives

**ATRI research shows the success of their efforts.** Members of State Trucking Associations are involved in fewer crashes and receive fewer violations at roadside inspections than their industry peers.

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| <b>CURRENT MEMBERS</b> | <b>95.10</b> ★ |
| <b>FORMER MEMBERS</b>  | <b>121.21</b>  |
| <b>NEVER MEMBERS</b>   | <b>146.33</b>  |

**Crashes per 100 Million Miles by STA Membership Status:**



#### CONTINUALLY IMPROVING

**2022 U.S. fatal crash rate: USA: 1.59 / Minnesota: 1.12** per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Between 1975 and 2022, the U.S. large truck fatal crash rate has dropped **65.3%**



#### COMMITMENT TO SHARING THE ROAD

The **Share the Road** program sends a team of professional truck drivers to communities around the country to teach car drivers about truck blind spots, stopping distances and how to merge safely around large trucks.



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### TRUCKING PAYS THE FREIGHT



#### THE INDUSTRY

The trucking industry in Minnesota paid approximately

**\$522 million**

in federal and state roadway taxes

The industry paid **32%** of all taxes owed by Minnesota motorists ...

... despite trucks representing only **11%** of vehicle miles traveled in the state.



#### INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES

As of January 2025, a typical five-axle tractor-semitrailer combination paid highway user fees and taxes of ...

STATE

**\$6,320**

FEDERAL

**\$10,556**

These taxes were **over and above** the typical taxes paid by businesses in Minnesota.



#### ROADWAY USE

**143,217**

Miles of public roads in Minnesota

Miles driven on public roads:

All Motorists: **57.5 billion**

Trucks: **6.2 billion**



Traffic congestion in Minnesota cost the trucking industry **\$1.2 billion** in 2022.

### DELIVERING A CLEANER TOMORROW



#### EMISSIONS

**55%**

of Minnesota commercial trucks are now powered by the newest-generation, **near-zero emissions** diesel technology.

Medium- and heavy-duty trucks contribute just **23%** of all transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S. and represent only **6%** of total U.S. GHG emissions.



#### FUEL CONSUMPTION

The trucking industry continues to improve energy and environmental efficiency even while increasing the number of miles driven. In 2022:

- ✓ Combination trucks accounted for just **16%** of the total highway transportation fuel consumed.
- ✓ Combination trucks consumed nearly **116 billion** fewer gallons of fuel than passenger vehicles in the U.S.



#### PARTNERSHIPS

Through the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership**, the trucking industry is working with government and businesses to quantify greenhouse gas emissions and take steps to reduce them.



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